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SUBJ: EXPORT RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY MEXICO

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1. SUMMARY: IN GENERAL, MEXICO DOES NOT IMPOSE SEVERE EXPORT RESTRICTIONS. HOWEVER, EXPORT PERMITS REQUIRED FOR MANY ITEMS, BUT THESE ARE MORE TO REGULATE RATHER THAN TO BAN EXPORTS. DEPARTMENT HOLDS RECENT COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF MEXICAN LICENSING CONTROLS CITED BELOW. END SUMMARY.

2. ON DECEMBER 27, 1974, GOM ISSUED NEW IMPORT AND EXPORT TARIFFS AND LICENSING REGULATIONS (MEXICO 132). SUBSEQUENTLY, EMBASSY SUBMITTED BOUND COPY OF 'NUEVA TARIFA DEL IMPUESTO GENERAL DE EXPORTACION,' PUBLISHED BY GOM AND LISTING EXPORT LICENSE AND TARIFF REQUIREMENTS. (FOR FURTHER COMMENT SEE MEXICO A-68 OF MARCH 4, 1975 AND A-188 OF MAY 16, 1975.)

3. EXPORT LICENSING REQUIREMENTS ARE BASED ON PRIMARY NEED TO SUPPLY DOMESTIC MARKET FIRST FOR ITEMS RANGING FROM ALFALFA TO ZINC. IN GENERAL PRIMARY PRODUCTS MORE UNCLASSIFIED

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LIKELY TO REQUIRE LICENSE, WHILE FINISHED PRODUCTS DO

NOT (E.G., HIDES, AND SKINS ARE SUBJECT TO EXPORT LICENSING, WHILE SHOES ARE NOT). EXCEPTION IS REFINED COOPER, WHICH MAY NOT BE EXPORTED. THERE IS A SIMILAR BAN ON THE EXPORT OF URANIUM, COAL, IRON ORE, AND GOLD ORE.

4. RECLASSIFICATION REFERRED TO IN PARA 2 ABOVE TOOK LINES BRUSSELS NOMENCLATURE, WHICH SHOULD ASSIST IN ANY FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS WITH MEXICANS.

5. IN THE CASE OF TEXTILES, ALL EXPORTS OF MEXICAN YARN, FABRIC, AND MADE-UP GOODS REGARDLESS OF FIBER AND INCLUDING RE-EXPORTS BY IN-BOND INDUSTRIES REQUIRE AN EXPORT PERMIT. THIS REQUIREMENT IS A RESULT OF THE NEW ALL-FIBER TEXTILE BILATERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE US. AND MEXICO WHICH WENT INTO EFFECT ON MAY 1, 1975.

6. COMMENT: PRINCIPAL GOM INTEREST IS IN ACTIVELY PROMOTING ALL MANNER OF MEXICAN EXPORTS THROUGH MEXICAN FOREIGN TRADE INSTITUTE, NATIONAL FOREIGN TRADE BANK, AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS. EXPORT RESTRICTIONS, THEN, ARE EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULE HERE. AS FAR AS THE EMBASSY IS AWARE, MEXICO DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE IN THE MARKETING OF ITS PRODUCTS ABROAD. IT DOES ATTEMPT AT TIMES TO DIVERSIFY EXPORTS TO FOREIGN MARKETS IN ORDER TO PROTECT DOMESTIC INDUSTRY FROM OVER-DEPENDENCE ON ANY SINGLE MARKET (E.G., THE US.), AND, ON RARE OCCASIONS, FOR POLITICAL OR IDEOLOGICAL REASONS, CHIEFLY TO MAINTAIN THIRD WORLD CREDENTIALS. EMBASSY IS CONTINUING TO FOLLOW QUESTION EXPORT RESTRICTIONS AND WILL REPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.
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